

NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

**Route 202/206, Southbound Merge Improvements with I-287 Ramp
Township of Bridgewater, Somerset County**

Public Information Center

Wednesday, December 2, 2015, 4:00-7:00 PM

The New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT), committed to developing transportation improvements that best balance transportation needs, the environment, community concerns and cost, will hold a **Public Information Center** to inform local residents, public officials and the business community about the **Route 202/206 Southbound Merge Improvements with I-287 Ramp Project**. You are encouraged to actively participate by providing comments at the meeting, by mail or by e-mail.

The Meeting

The Public Information Center will be held in the **Courtroom at the Bridgewater Township Municipal Building, 100 Commons Way, Bridgewater on Wednesday, December 2, 2015 from 4:00 to 7:00 PM**. Please come at a time that is convenient for you. You will have an opportunity to examine the proposal developed for this project and representatives from the NJDOT will be available to answer questions. Property owners of rental units are advised that tenants are also invited and encouraged to participate.

The Problem

The merge of Route 202/206 southbound and the exit ramp from I-287 southbound was identified as a safety concern. A significant number of same direction crashes were identified along Route 202/206 southbound at the merge. The merge does not currently meet the required minimum taper rate of 50:1 in accordance with the applicable design standards.

The Proposed Project

The NJDOT proposes to construct an acceleration lane for Route 202/206 southbound at its merge with the exit ramp from I-287 southbound, as well as, widen the outside of Route 202/206 southbound for an improved deceleration lane length for the ramp to Commons Way. The proposed acceleration lane would be approximately 570 feet in length with a 700-foot taper. It would require widening into the grass median between Route 202/206 northbound and southbound, along with minor curb, drainage and guide rail modifications.

Advance signing is also proposed along I-287 southbound and Route 202/206 southbound at points prior to the merge to direct motorists with destinations along and off of Commons Way to use I-287 southbound to avoid the existing down weave movement from Route 202/206 southbound to Commons Way. The proposed improvements have no environmental, right-of-way or access impacts. Utility impacts are anticipated to be minor. Due to the limited impacts, compliance with the NJDEP Stormwater Management Rules would not be required.

Environmental

No environmental constraints were identified for the proposed improvement. Every effort will be made to avoid or minimize impacts to any resources that should be identified within the project limits.

Estimated Schedule

Estimated Start of Construction – Fall 2018

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